In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A one-piece, disposable torquer for maneuvering a guidewire, comprising:

a top arm having a top distal end and a top proximal end; a clamping tongue disposed downwardly from said top distal end;

a bottom arm having a bottom distal end and a bottom proximal end, said bottom proximal end flexibly connected to said top proximal end by means of a flap hinge;

a proximal slit defined horizontally within half the width of said flap hinge; and,

a distal slit defined vertically within the length of said clamping tongue, wherein said proximal slit and said distal slit are adapted to receive said guidewire.

2. (previously presented) The torquer of claim 1, further comprising a wire channel means for positioning said guidewire between said bottom arm and said top arm when said top arm and said bottom arm are clamped together.

3. (previously presented) The torquer of claim 1, further comprising a torque-assist area defined on both said top arm and said bottom arm.

4. (previously presented) The torquer of claim 1, further comprising a grip surface defined on said top arm near said top distal end.

5. (previously presented) The torquer of claim 1, further comprising a grip surface defined on said bottom arm near said bottom distal end.

6. (previously presented) The torquer of claim 1, further comprising a means for releasably clamping said clamping tongue to said bottom distal end.

7. (currently amended) A one-piece, disposable torquer for maneuvering a guidewire, comprising:

a top arm having an underlying surface;

a bottom arm hingedly connected to said top arm by means of a flap hinge, said bottom arm having a top surface opposed and aligned with said underlying surface of said top arm; and,

a wire channel means for positioning said guidewire between said bottom arm and said top arm, said wire channel means integrally formed on at least one of said top surface or said underlying surface~~.~~, said wire channel means on said top surface further comprising multiple and alternating projections integrally formed thereon in spaced apart relation; each said projection having formed thereon a

longitudinal groove, whereby said guidewire can be nested while allowing the guidewire to rotate freely and move longitudinally within said torquer when in a unlocked position, and further preventing said torquer from falling off said guidewire when in an unlocked position.

8. (previously presented) The torquer of claim 7, further comprising a proximal slit defined horizontally within said flap hinge.

9. (currently amended) The torquer of claim 7, further comprising a torque-assist area, said torque-assist area defined by a partially expanded portion on both said top arm and said bottom arm.

10. (previously presented) The torquer of claim 7, further comprising a grip surface defined on said top arm.

11. (previously presented) The torquer of claim 7, further comprising a grip surface defined on said bottom arm.

12. (previously presented) The torquer of claim 7, further comprising a means for releasably clamping said top arm to said bottom arm.

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